

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: :  
Masaru IZAWA et al. :  
Serial No. to be assigned : Group Art Unit: 1775  
Filed: February 5, 2004 : Examiner: Stein, Stephen J.  
For: Surface Treated Steel Material, a Method for Its Manufacture, and a Chemical  
Conversion Treatment Liquid

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.**

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 5.**